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SENATE BILL 128

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SEVERANCE TAX BONDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LORA MANGUM SHIELD SCIENCE BUILDING AT NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY LOCATED IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. SEVERANCE TAX BONDS--PURPOSE FOR WHICH ISSUED-- APPROPRIATION OF PROCEEDS.--The state board of finance may issue and sell severance tax bonds in compliance with the Severance Tax Bonding Act in an amount not exceeding ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) when the board of regents of New Mexico highlands university certifies the need for the issuance of the bonds. The state board of finance shall schedule the issuance and sale of the bonds in the most expeditious and economical manner

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1 possible upon a finding by the board that the project has been
2 developed sufficiently to justify the issuance and that the
3 project can proceed to contract within a reasonable time. The
4 state board of finance shall further take the appropriate steps
5 necessary to comply with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
6 amended. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds are
7 appropriated to the board of regents of New Mexico highlands
8 university for the purpose of renovating and expanding the Lora
9 Mangum Shield science building at New Mexico highlands
10 university located in San Miguel county. Any unexpended or
11 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000
12 shall revert to the severance tax bonding fund. If the board of
13 regents of New Mexico highlands university has not certified the
14 need for the issuance of the bonds by the end of fiscal year
15 1999, the authorization provided in this section shall be void.

16 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
17 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.